

SMALL COMMUNITY GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM

INFORMATION

November 16, 2005

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the final Competitive Project List ([CPL](#)) for the Small Community Groundwater Grant program at its November 16th board meeting.

The State Water Board received 38 eligible pre-applications, requesting \$40,673,988 in funds from the Small Community Groundwater Grant Program. This program has \$9.5 million in funds available. Division staff reviewed pre-applications, in consultation with Department of Health Services (DHS) staff, and projects have been placed into one of three ranks on the Competitive Project List (CPL).

Rank 1 of the CPL includes all projects where the entire water supply for the community exceeds the MCL for arsenic or nitrate, and the contaminant levels are at least twice the MCL for that contaminant, i.e., the Contaminant Score for the project is greater than 2.0. Rank 1 projects are listed on the CPL in descending order according to the Contaminant Score. Rank 2 includes all projects where the entire water supply for the community exceeds the MCL for arsenic or nitrate, and the Contaminant Score is less than 2.0. Rank 3 includes all other eligible projects where only a portion of the community's water supply exceeds an MCL. Within Rank 3, projects were prioritized based on the Contaminant Score, multiplied by the percentage of the water supply that exceeds the MCL.

Note: being included on the CPL is not a guarantee of funding for any project.

Rank 1 of the CPL includes 11 projects totaling \$14,918,000. Grant funds will be committed to the projects in Rank 1 based on the applicants' readiness-to-proceed and timely submittal of completed applications. Division staff will process applications in the order completed applications are received until the funding is exhausted. If by March 30, 2006, the funding is not exhausted because project(s) in Rank 1 have not submitted full applications, are determined to be infeasible, or are unable to be completed for any reason, projects from Rank 2 may become eligible for funding in the order of their priority. If by June 30, 2006, the remaining funding is not exhausted, for any reason, projects in Rank 3 may become eligible for funding in the order of their priority.

Applicants whose projects are listed in Rank 1 of the Draft CPL will be invited to submit detailed applications. Items listed in the [Checklist](#) will be required to complete the application process.

A project must be able to complete the environmental review process, project design, other permitting processes, and construction within the funding timeframes (i.e. by September 2008) in order to be eligible for funding.

State Water Board staff will work with successful applicants to develop grant agreements for implementation of the projects.